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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
0313-0002.01

In Re Application Of: **Aaron V. Kaplan et al.**

11/15/03  
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Serial No.  
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11/1/2001

Examiner  
Manuel A. Mendez

Group Art Unit  
3763

Invention: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PERICARDIAL ACCESS**



TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of: July 9, 2003 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☒ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: October 9, 2003 until: December 9, 2003  
*Date* *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.  
☒ has already been filed in this application.

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The fee for the extension of time is **\$210** and is to be paid as follows: **TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700**

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **50-1039**  
☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **50-1039**

*Gary W. McFarron*  
*Signature*

Dated: **December 9, 2003**

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on **12/9/2003** with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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